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SUBJECT: MUSHARRAF REAFFIRMS INTENT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION IN
UNIFORM BEFORE CURRENT ASSEMBLIES

REF: A. ISLAMABAD 3128

[1](#)B. ISLAMABAD 3424

[1](#)1. (U) In public remarks August, 6, President Musharraf reiterated his intention to run for re-election, in uniform, and before the current assemblies. He indicated he did not believe the Constitution would bar him from contesting the presidential election for a second term. He again asserted that present assemblies would not be dissolved before expiration of their term (November 15) and that the presidential election would be held between September 15 and October 15. New Attorney General Malik Qayyum also made his first public statement on the issue on August 6. Qayyum asserted "there is no constitutional or legal hindrance which could obstruct the re-election of the president in uniform from the present legislature."

[1](#)2. (SBU) This is essentially what Musharraf announced during an interview with editors July 18. It indicates that publicly he is not backing down because of already filed or expected petitions to the Supreme Court that challenge his right to be reelected in uniform.
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